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HONGKONG, JANUARY 9TH, 1894.

The Hon. C. P. CHATER was yesterday

elected by the Justices of the Peace a mem-

ber of the Legislative Council. Mr. CHATER's

first election took place on the 8th Decem-

ber, 1886, when the Justices were required to

select a member to serve in the place of Mr.

F. D. SASSON, who had been granted

two months' leave of absence. On that

occasion Mr. J. FRANCIS, Q.C., was also

proposed as a member, and the voting was

35 for Mr. CHATER and 15 for Mr. FRANCIS.

Mr. SASSON having decided not to return

to the Colony another election took place

on the 10th January, 1888, when Mr.

CHATER was returned unopposed. The period

of six years for which he was elected having

now expired, the Justices have again called

upon to exercise their power of nomination,

and their choice has again fallen upon

Mr. CHATER, whose unopposed return for a

third term clearly demonstrates the confi-

dence reposed in him by his fellow Justices,

and their opinion may fairly be taken in this

matter as representing that of the Colony

at large. As the Hon. J. J. KASSON, who

was yesterday afternoon in proposing Mr. CHA-

TER, there is no one better calculated than

that gentleman to fully represent

public views on public questions. In

this Colony we have no clearly defined

party lines; a member is not elected be-

cause he is a Liberal or a Conservative,

but simply because his character,

his ability, and his judgment signal

him out as qualified to represent the

community. His hands being left free to

deal with particular questions as they arise.

It might happen that an election coincided

with the pendency of some legislation on

which public opinion was strongly di-

vided, in which case a declaration of

policy might be required from the can-

didates, in which case there would be no

contest to fight out with reference to the

particular principle involved. In the

contested elections which have thus far been

held, however, whether by the Chamber of

Commerce or the Justices of the Peace, the

choice has been determined by the electors'

the air of an intended attack upon Kew's Bill with a view to the repeal of that measure, but the matter was not mentioned yesterday and Mr. Kew's Bill was himself Mr. CHATER's proposal to be presented to that vital subject. When Mr. CHATER was first elected to the Council seven years ago he said: "I do not pledge myself to any particular policy. It is my intention to support the Government as much as in my power, but at the same time I mean to strenuously oppose any measure which is, in my opinion, disadvantageous or prejudicial to the interests of this commercial colony. My interests are identical with those of Hongkong; in fact, I may safely say my whole future depends upon its prosperity. I promise you, gentlemen, that I shall do my best, and I trust I shall always merit the confidence which you have this evening reposed in me." During the time which has since elapsed the hon. gentleman has, as he promised, supported the Government where the Government has been proceeding upon the right lines, has afforded its assistance by his experience and advice, and has strenuously opposed it where there have been any principle at stake on which he entertained views differing from those of the official members. His unopposed re-election yesterday shows that he has fully retained the confidence reposed in him seven years ago, and must be taken as an endorsement and approval of his general line of conduct as a member of the Legislative Council.

H.M.S. *Porpoise* left yesterday for Singapore.The *Imperial* of Japan left Yokohama for Van-

couver on Friday afternoon last.

There were 15,000 visitors to the City Hall

Museum last week, of whom 123 were Europeans.

The P. & O. steamer *Malaka*, with the com-

mander and crew, left Singapore at 6 a.m.

yesterday.

The M. M. steamer *Oceanic*, with the com-

mander and crew, left Saigon at 1 p.m. yesterday

for this port.

The Japanese News Agency says that a fever

for electric railways is becoming epidemic. Plans

are being made for building several such lines now on

the way.

We are advised by the Secretary of the Pan-

ama Mining Company, Limited, of the receipt

of a telegram from the mine reporting that

during the month of December the mill had

been working 600 tons giving a yield of 500

ounces of gold.

It is reported that Judge Mead, of H.B.M.'s

Court of Japan, will leave for England in the

spring, and that Mr. H. S. Wilkinson, Crown

Advocate at Shanghai, will act for him. There

appears to be some doubt as to whether Mr.

Wilkinson will be able to do so, as it is expected

that Mr. Wilkinson would be appointed to the

post of Registrar of the Court of Japan.

It is announced that payment of a third

dividend on Hongkong claims against the New

Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited, in liquidation,

will be made on the 15th inst. The dividend

will be 10 per cent. on the claims of the

Bank of India, Australia, and China, Hongkong,

and after Monday next, to all creditors whose

claims have been received and admitted.

It is stated that the German Admiralty has

received the newly-built *Korona*, which has

been built at the Imperial Arsenal, what at

Shanghai, will act for him. There appears to

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At a regular meeting of the Lodge St. John

of the City, No. 10,000, held on Saturday, the

6th inst., Bro. F. B. Smith was installed as

Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by

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A. Collo in the employ of Mr. E. Markwick, jun., was fined 25 yesterday at the Magistrate by Captain Hastings for swamping that the verandah of No. 31, Wyndham Street, thereby causing a nuisance. Sergeant D. Christie presided.

We are informed that a copy of the following

telegram, despatched via Port Darwin, by Mr.

T. C. Collo, manager of Balmora, was received

yesterday by Mr. George Paterson, Esq.,

Chairman of the Legislative Council. It reads:

"The Hon. Mr. CHATER, I have the honor to

acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the

15th inst. in relation to the proposed

amendment to the Native Lands Bill. I

am sorry to hear that the Bill is not

yet passed. I am, however, confident that

it will be passed in due season. I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully, T. C. Collo."

The N. O. Daily News in its "Native Notes"

says: "According to despatches from Peking

the Emperor was returning on the 2nd of

December from the Lake Palace (Hailuo) to

the Imperial city, carrying a lot of the

valuable and highly prized objects of art

from the main body of the palace. The

objects were carried away by the Emperor

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